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12 November 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FBIS Field Bureaus
FROM : Chief, FBIS
SUBJECT : Letter of Instruction (One Part Only)

GENERAL

1. With attention increasingly focused on the Far East, Communist China has become a priority intelligence target. Of particular interest are the growth and implications of the communal movement, its impact on internal developments and relations with other members of the communist bloc. All bureaus are requested to exploit to the fullest possible extent all available ~~information~~ ^{MONITORED} information, including Western sources.

2. FBID's Far East coverage and processing capabilities were closely concentrated on the Taiwan crisis during the month. Monitored flashes on the cease-fire and its cancellation were communicated to Washington at speeds approaching the ten-minute CRITIC objective. In the latter case, the DCI was in a position to alert the President and Secretary of State well before the information was available in Washington from any other source. The Division received a commendation from the DCI for the "selectivity, good judgment and speed" displayed in the handling of the cease-fire announcement of October 5.

3. Rising interest in broadcasts in Kurdish by Moscow and Middle East transmitters have stimulated the search for a Kurdish monitor. Universities and oriental societies in the U.S. are being contacted, the London Bureau is interviewing candidates procured through advertising and the Department of State has referred several prospects to the Mediterranean Bureau. The Chief Monitor will proceed to Tehran for interviewing and testing these candidates.

4. The Department of State is negotiating on FBIS' behalf with the Government of Ghana with a view to possible establishment of a monitoring station in Accra. In the meantime, consumers are again being circulated for a statement of their requirements for African monitoring.

5. The Executive Secretariat of the Department of State and the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff were added as recipients of the FBIS Wire on 14 and 21 October respectively.

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6. Radio Propaganda Reports:

- a. "Soviet Propaganda on Persian Gulf Countries," in support of SNIE 30-5-58, BRITAIN'S POSITION IN THE PERSIAN GULF-ARABIAN PENINSULA AREA.
- b. "Soviet Broadcasts To and About the Kurds," prompted by informal queries from the State Department. State OIRA had originally been asked for information on the subject by several U.S. Embassies. Copies of the report were sent to the Embassies in Baghdad, Cairo, Damascus and Moscow.
- c. "Yugoslavia Defends Nationalities Policy Against Albanian-Bulgarian Attacks."
- d. "Soviet Slogans for the 41st October Revolution Anniversary."
- e. "Indications of Soviet Coolness Toward CPR Claims to be Nearing Communism through Communes."

7. Special Propaganda Analysis Services:

- a. Seventeen analyses of Soviet and Chinese Communist propaganda on the Taiwan Strait crisis were disseminated on the FBIS Wire as part of FBIS's continuing special analysis support of State Department, OCB, and OCI. State OIRA/DRF continued to rely on these analyses in the preparation of cabled reviews of Communist propaganda for Ambassador Beam in Warsaw.
- b. Additional propaganda-analysis items on the Wire included eight on the Soviet resumption of nuclear testing and Soviet comment on the Geneva nuclear test ban talks; a report on Khrushchev's rejection of Soviet cooperation with the West in assisting underdeveloped countries, a contradiction of the prior Soviet position; background on a new Khrushchev forecast of the "destruction of capitalism" in the event of war; and highlights of the USSR's October Revolution anniversary slogans.
- c. Propaganda-analysis support of the U.S. delegation at the Geneva nuclear test ban talks began on 31 October. Initial Soviet propaganda treatment of the talks was summed up in an FBID contribution to OCI's daily support cable for the delegation. Texts of key Soviet propaganda materials are being supplied to the delegation by the London Bureau.

8. Supplements to the Daily Report:

- a. 22 October - Gomulka Report to 12th Plenum of PZPR Central Committee, October 15, 1958

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- b. 29 October - PZPR Directives for Poland's Economic Development 1959-1965
- c. 30 October - NCNA Report on Chinese People's Volunteers in Korea, 1950-1958

9. Wire Roundups of World Radio and Press Reaction:

- a. 2 October - Roundup of World Radio and Press Reaction to Dulles' and Eisenhower's Press Conference Remarks on the Taiwan Strait Crisis
- b. 13 October - Roundup of World Radio and Press Reaction to Launching of U.S. Moon Rocket
- c. 21 October - Roundup of World Radio and Press Reaction to the Resumption of the Bombardment of Quemoy
- d. 31 October - World Radio and Press Reaction to the Pasternak Affair

EDITORIAL BRANCH COMMENT:

1. General

a. In close cooperation with the RPB, the Branch continued to prepare wirefiled summaries of world radio and press reaction to important events and pronouncements in response to specific requests from high-level consumers. It is anticipated that continued reliance will be placed on these rapid reaction reports during periods of fast-moving events such as the Taiwan Strait crisis. Since this type of reaction report is generally prepared on the basis of a single day's "take" of wirefiled copy, without resort to the usual field roundups, the cooperation of field bureaus is essential if the report is to be as representative as possible. Field bureaus are urged to anticipate the needs of the Branch in this respect and to file fully and promptly all comment on those developments in which the recipients of the FBIS product are understandably interested. In addition, field editors should initiate FYI's when appropriate to indicate the scope of coverage of a particular development in order to place the available comment from a specified country or area in its proper perspective. These FYI's should be flagged COPY TO PROJECTS EDITOR. Continued filing of significant comment on the subject in question is desirable even after a reaction report has been prepared, since the Branch frequently receives requests for follow-up reports. In general the Branch will continue to require the standard field roundups when the subject matter is such that the reaction reported remains pertinent despite the time lapse before publication.

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b. Writers of the Middle East, Austrian, and German radio and/or press comment reviews should bear in mind that consumer interest centers on the following categories of information: 1) comment on internal affairs; 2) comment on external developments which have a clear-cut impact on the foreign policies of the countries under review; 3) criticism of Western policies. Other comment can be reported briefly if the writer feels this is necessary to round out the general picture. The reviews should be clear and concise and whenever possible should reflect the common denominator of comment for the specific area or country, or for a particular political grouping within that area or country. Care should be taken to avoid quotations which, though more dramatic, are not really significant or representative. Since the London Bureau's contribution to the Middle East review is dovetailed with that filed by the Mediterranean Bureau, each statement in the former should be fully attributed and the distinction between home and international services made clear.

c. Material from some press transmissions, as for example KCNA and to a lesser extent NCNA, is frequently fragmented by the original source into paragraphs which contain no more than a single sentence. As was pointed out in the Letter of Instruction of 14 March 1958, editors should make every effort to arrange paragraphs according to logical thought patterns, while at the same time recognizing that the DAILY REPORT may sometimes have to shorten paragraphs to meet the requirements of pagination.

d. In order to refresh their memories and to guard against the perpetuation of incorrect editorial practices, field editors are urged to review from time to time that section of the Editorial Handbook dealing with FBIS style. Consistent adherence by all bureaus to the rules laid down for points of style, although this may sometimes seem to be a trivial requirement, in fact is a basic ingredient of the editorial function and makes for a more uniform product.

e. It is anticipated that the next revision of the Editorial Handbook will be issued in June 1959. All bureaus are requested to submit comments and suggestions by no later than 1 April next.

f. Multitake administrative messages should carry sequential check numbers but identical reference numbers, thus:

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(First of two takes)

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927 Seely, LD 198
(Only add)

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Bureaus are also reminded that Signal Corps regulations restricting the length of messages to three pages apply to administrative messages as well as to editorial copy.

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2. Mediterranean Bureau

a. The more compact file resulting from the greater selectivity exercised over weekends, particularly the weekend of October 25-26, is greatly appreciated. As an aid to this process of compression, Middle East material which does not merit individual processing but is nevertheless worth reporting can frequently be adequately covered in the weekend Middle East review.

b. Please be on the lookout for Briticisms, which occasionally still find their way into copy. Some recent examples were "pram," "petrol," and "put" (for "asked"). (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. London Bureau

a. The preferred name of the Finnish party now appearing in copy as the Unionist Party is the National Coalition Party.

b. The correct logograph for the quasiclandestine transmission "Oggi in Italia" is Communist "Home" Service for Italy (via Prague) in Italian. The words "Oggi in Italia" should appear in brackets on a separate line under the logo.

RADIO PROPAGANDA BRANCH COMMENT:

1. Copies of the propaganda-analysis items given Wire dissemination are now being forwarded by pouch or airmail to all FBID bureaus desiring them, either for information purposes or for passage to local consumers.

2. Increased filing of Peking-to-Taiwan intercepts by the Tokyo Bureau and continued coverage of Chinese Communist regional radios by the Okinawa Bureau furnished particularly useful support to analysts responsible for keeping consumers up to date on Peking's line during the Taiwan Strait crisis. FYI's from all bureaus calling attention to what may be new or changed lines in Communist comment on the crisis will continue to be appreciated. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Monitored summaries of Yerevan regional broadcasts in Kurdish prepared at the Mediterranean Bureau were used as the principal basis for a Propaganda Report on Soviet radio output to and about the Kurds. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. A London Bureau FYI reporting a difference between the Moscow home service and English-to-South Asia versions of a Goncharov commentary on the French referendum was a good example of the kind of version-comparison, possible only in the field, that contributes materially to the systematic analysis of bloc propaganda. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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ADMINISTRATION

1. Messages announcing the arrival of personnel at duty stations should not include requests that relatives be informed. Neither the FBID Communications system nor the facilities of the Administrative Office can properly be used for transmission of personal messages of this nature.

2. Travel advances may be requested only to cover those expenses outlined in [redacted] The difference between the advance and the amount of the voucher must be reimbursed in full upon submission of the travel voucher.

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3. Bureau Chiefs are advised to check closely the travel itineraries of employees utilizing home leave travel and to ascertain that the traveling employee will be on home leave in the States for 30 calendar days, exclusive of travel time. An oversight could result in the employee reimbursing the Government for travel expenses to and from the home leave point.

4. The following FBIS regulatory issuances were released during the month of October:

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PERSONNEL CHANGES

1. New Employees in FBIS

Name

Assignment

[redacted]

Editor
Ed. Br.

Clerk-typist
FOS

Monitor
ECB

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2. Reassignments

Name

From

To

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Asst. Liaison Off.

Chief, Saigon Bur.

Asst. Chief Eng.
Med. Bur.

Tri-State College

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Reassignments (Cont'd)

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	Asst. Chief Eng. ECB	Asst. Chief Eng. Med. Buro.
	Off. of Chief Eng.	Asst. Chief Eng. ECB
	Tri-State College	Off. of Chief Eng.
	Acting Chief, Austrian Buro.	Chief, M.E. and W.E. Section, Ed. Br.
	Asst. Projects Off. Ed. Br.	Senior Editor London Buro.
	Editor, Tokyo Buro.	Editor, Ed. Br.
	Senior Editor London Buro.	Senior Editor, Wire Section, Ed. Br.
	Chief, Tokyo Buro.	Acting Chief, Oki.Buro.

3. Transfers from FBIS

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	Editor, Ed. Br.	

4. Separations

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	
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